## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GILBERT SEGAL JR.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY (ALL ENTITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVES, ETC); and RESEARCH CENTER ON NATURAL CONSERVATION INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 21-CV-6872 (VB) (AEK)

AFFIDAVIT OF TRAVIS PIERRE-LOUIS IN SUPPORT OF CRUMILLER P.C.'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

- I, Travis Pierre-Louis, an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of New York and United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, hereby affirm, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and under penalty of perjury, as follows:
- 1. I am an associate attorney at Crumiller P.C., attorneys for Plaintiff in the above-captioned action. I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances herein.
- 2. This affidavit is submitted in support of Crumiller P.C.'s application to withdraw representation of Ms. Orzick, Ms. Fernandez, and myself as attorneys of record for Plaintiff.
- 3. Plaintiff initiated this litigation *pro se* on April 14, 2021. Plaintiff adequately litigated their claims for approximately one and a half years until Plaintiff retained Crumiller P.C.
  - 4. On October 6, 2022, Plaintiff retained Crumiller P.C.
- 5. On October 7, 2022, I filed a notice of appearance in this case. My colleagues Hilary J. Orzick and Ingrid M. Fernandez subsequently filed notices of appearance on August 17, 2023 and October 10, 2023, respectively.

- 6. Since that time, Crumiller P.C. has worked tirelessly in litigating Plaintiff's claims, including filing a robust Third Amended Complaint, serving Requests for the Production of Documents and Interrogatories on Defendants, and representing Plaintiff in a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause.
- 7. Unfortunately, communication between Plaintiff and Crumiller P.C. has recently broken down.
- 8. In Crumiller P.C.'s efforts to obtain responses, documents, and/or information from Plaintiff, Plaintiff has failed to and/or refused to reasonably communicate in a timely or complete fashion.
- 9. Crumiller P.C. is unable to carry out its employment effectively in accordance with the rules of professional conduct.
- 10. Plaintiff's failure to communicate concerning the ongoing litigation has also led to irreconcilable differences regarding case strategy, leaving Crumiller P.C. constrained in its ability to move this case forward.
- 11. Crumiller P.C. has discussed these issues with Plaintiff and advised them of its intent to file the instant motion.
- 12. Plaintiff consents to Crumiller P.C. withdrawing from this litigation and to the filing of this request.
- 13. Pursuant to Local Rule 1.4, Crumiller P.C. will serve a copy of this application upon Plaintiff and all other parties in this proceeding.
  - 14. Crumiller P.C. is not asserting a retaining or charging lien in this matter.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York June 24, 2024

Travis Pierre-L